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SUBJECT: FONMIN SHEN HARDLINES ROC-GOJ CIVAIR BREAK

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1. FONMIN SHEN JULY 29 TOLD NATIONAL RECONSTRUCTION SEMINAR (GOVERNMENT SPONSORED MEETING OF LOCAL AND OVER-SEAS CHINESE SCHOLARS) ROC "WILL NOT CONSIDER RESUMPTION" OF CIVAIR TIES WITH JAPAN UNLESS CAUSE LEADING TO RUPTURE REMOVED. CENTRAL NEWS AGENCY JULY 30 EXPLAINED THAT OHIRA'S APRIL 20 STATEMENT --- CAL FLAG "IS NOT A NATIONAL FLAG BUT A TRADEMARK" -- WAS THE CAUSE WHICH MUST BE REMOVED. REPORTS NOTED THAT STATEMENT "REPRESENTED NO CHANGE" IN ROC POLICY.

2. COMMENT: SHEN STATEMENT, WHICH IS FULLY CONSISTENT WITH HIS OWN HARD-LINE ADVOCACY, IS FIRST HIGH-LEVEL GROC STATEMENT ON CIVAIR SINCE KIMURA'S ASSUMPTION OF FOREIGN MINISTRY AND MUST BE CONSIDERED AUTHORITATIVE. WHILE WE HESITATE TO OVERINTERPRET, THIS HARD PUBLIC POSITION AT A MINIMUM REPRESENTS A SETBACK TO THOSE IN GOVT (REFS B AND C)
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AND GROC MAY WELL HAVE CONCLUDED THAT ANY GIVE ON CIVAIR

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WOULD INCREASE CHANCES OF GOJ ACCEDING TO
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